

MINUTES

JOINT MEETING OF STATE REVIEW BOARD AND THE BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

June 18, 2003

Virginia Historical Society
Auditorium
428 North Boulevard
Richmond, Virginia 23220

State Review Board

Members Present

Wendy L. Price, Acting Chairperson
Ann F. Alexander
Evelyn D. Chandler
Warren R. Hofstra
Carl R. Lounsbury

Members Absent

Barbara Heath
R. Madison Spencer

Board of Historic Resources

Members Present

Carter F. McNeely, Chairperson
Ulysses X. White, Vice-Chairman
M. Karen Berkness
Patrick H. Butler
Martin K. King
True F. Luck
Addison B. Thomson (Tad)

DHR Staff Present

Kathleen Kilpatrick, Director
Ann Andrus
Scott Arnold
Robert Carter
David Edwards
Joanna Evans
Bryan Green
John Kern
Ariel Lambert

Calder Loth
Michael Pulice
Catherine Slusser
Sean Smith
Randy Turner
Marc Wagner
Paige Weiss
Deborah Woodward
Jean McRae

State Review Board

Acting Chairperson Wendy L. Price called the State Review Board meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. in the auditorium of the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond, Virginia on Wednesday, June 18, 2003 and welcomed everyone in attendance. She explained the purposes and duties of the State Review Board and asked members to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Mrs. Evelyn D. Chandler, seconded by Mr. Carl L. Lounsbury, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented. All were in agreement.

New Business

Two new items were brought to the attention of the State Review Board: (1) By-Law Revision and (2) Election of a Chairman. It was decided that revisions to the By-Laws would be voted on at the September, 2003 meeting. On the motion of Mr. Lounsbury, seconded by Mrs. Chandler, Dr. Warren R. Hofstra was nominated and unanimously elected as the new Chairman of the State Review Board. Dr. Hofstra thanked the Board for their vote of support and stated that he looked forward to working with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. He recognized former Chairman Dennis J. Pogue for his hard work and thanked Ms. Wendy L. Price who had agreed to remain as Vice-Chairperson of the Board.

Board of Historic Resources

Chairperson Carter F. McNeely called the Board of Historic Resources meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. She explained the role and duties of the Board and asked members to introduce themselves to the audience.

Approval of Minutes

On the motion of Ms. True F. Luck, seconded by Mr. Ulysses X. White, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented. All were in agreement.

New Business

Chairperson McNeely presented a TEA-21 Highway Marker Resolution (copy attached) supporting the Department of Historic Resources' and the Virginia Department of Transportation's efforts to manage and maintain the Virginia Highway Marker Program. On the motion of Mr. White, seconded by Mrs. Luck, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution.

Chairperson McNeely announced that certificates would be awarded after the meeting to the owners of properties placed on the Virginia Landmarks Register per the Joint Board meeting.

Director's Report

Director of the Department of Historic Resources, Kathleen Kilpatrick, welcomed everyone in attendance. She highlighted events of the past quarter:

- ◆ A record number of historic districts had been placed on the registers in the past year.
- ◆ Today's meeting would highlight two initiatives of the DHR: stewardship of state-owned property and diversity of Virginia history noting that eight state-owned properties are proposed for registration and that African American, Native American, and women's history are represented on both the register and historical highway marker agendas. DHR has an aggressive goal in working with sister agencies to register ten state-owned properties each year.
- ◆ Director Kilpatrick reiterated the importance of the Resolution just passed by the State Review Board in support of the Highway Marker program. She stated that a touching letter had been received from the Native American community in regards to the replacement of older markers with ones that were more sensitive to their culture.
- ◆ A DHR staff retreat was held in May to bring staff together to look at resources, strategies, and ways to regroup in times of limited resources. The retreat was a very constructive session and committees within DHR are busy meeting to find new ways to improve the services of the department.
- ◆ Appreciation was extended to Mr. Randy Turner, Director of Portsmouth Regional Office, for all of his progress and efforts toward Werowocomoco, believed to be the site of Powhatan's chief village where John Smith was taken and claimed that Pocahontas spared his life. These efforts represent a significant parallel to the archaeological work at the site of Jamestown. An archaeological field school is scheduled at the site this summer.
- ◆ Director Kilpatrick reported that a copy of the book Two Mecklenburg Towns: Boynton and Clarksville (highlighting two historic districts in Mecklenburg County) had been given to each board member. Mr. Jack Zehmer, Director of the Capital Region Office, steered the project and it is a source of pride to DHR. The book is the result of a cost-share agreement with Mecklenburg County.
- ◆ She thanked Dr. Warren Hofstra who had presented a copy of his most recent book, Virginia Reconsidered: New Histories of the Old Dominion, to the DHR Library.
- ◆ DHR in partnership with the Preservation Society of Virginia, the National Trust for Historic Places, and the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities had sponsored three training workshops in April and May. These workshops, which focused on Strategic Planning and Volunteerism, were provided to help strengthen preservation organizations and build stronger partnerships and relationships. Board of Historic Resources Member Patrick Butler stated that he had attended one of the workshops held at Oatlands Plantation in Loudoun County and had found the workshop to be very helpful and worthwhile. A Fundraising workshop is being planned for the future.
- ◆ Six Certified Local Government grants had been awarded to five recipients for survey and planning in the towns, cities, and counties in Virginia: Arlington, Hanover, Fairfax, Petersburg, and Suffolk.
- ◆ The Preservation Alliance of Virginia conference is scheduled to meet in the City of Norfolk on September 21-23, 2003. The Alliance is working closely with DHR in preparing for the workshop.
- ◆ DHR is looking for creative funding and would be meeting with the Natural Resources Funding Commission in July and August as they prepare their report to the Governor due September 1. The long-term effort is to seek dedicated funding for Natural Resource agencies and to increase partnerships among the Natural Resources agencies and with the private sector.
- ◆ Work to revive the buildings and grounds on Capitol Hill continues. DHR will be involved in making recommendations for the principal architect for the complex. Director Kilpatrick will sit on a panel to elect the construction manager. Funding is in place for the Capitol, and a new use is being sought for the Old Finance Building. A Visitor's Center and exhibits are planned for 2007. Mr. Zehmer will be working on a task force for the landscape planning of the complex.

As an example of both creative partnerships and a commitment to stewardship of state-owned and controlled properties, Director Kilpatrick highlighted the close working relationship that has grown up between the Virginia Department of Transportation and DHR to preserve historic resources. She introduced Mr. Tony Opperman of VDOT who is a manager of cultural resources to summarize VDOT's role and accomplishments in fulfilling their responsibilities for historic resources as they carry out their primary transportation mission.

Virginia Department of Transportation Presentation

Mr. Tony Opperman thanked everyone for the invitation. He pointed out that Virginia has the third largest transportation system in the United States. Because of the Byrd Road Act in 1932, Virginia took over secondary roads formerly maintained by localities. (Arlington and Henrico are the only two counties who still maintain their secondary roads.) VDOT maintains 57,000 miles of state roads, 11,000 bridges, and three ferries. They have 10,000 employees in their Central Office located in Richmond and in various field offices around the state. The 100th Anniversary of VDOT is to be held in 2006. Mr. Opperman stated that in 1906 a lot of improvements were made to the roads in getting ready for the 300th Anniversary of Jamestown. One hundred years later the 400th is taking place and improvements again are slated for the roads. VDOT is the largest construction contractor in the Commonwealth.

Mr. Opperman explained that VDOT has a staff of fifteen archaeologists and architectural historians, as well as two on-call consultants, who work with the historic resources in Virginia. The agency spends about two million dollars annually on staff and contract survey work. He cited the Brook Run Archaeological Site along Route 3 in Culpeper County and the Route 1 Bridge in Petersburg as two examples of the quality attention VDOT gives to historic properties that may be affected by highway construction and improvements.

Mr. Opperman stated VDOT works closely with DHR to coordinate projects. He said that since 1989 the two agencies have tried to streamline paperwork. The close collaboration that has taken place has helped to protect historic resources. The Data Sharing System was developed through the combined efforts of both agencies. This system is special because of the two-way exchange it provides through the website where information can be added. He stated that the DSS is one of the most robust and sophisticated programs in the country.

Mr. Opperman reported that through the Transportation Enhancement Program, ten percent of federal funds are set aside for competition for local enhancement projects (\$15 million). There are twelve categories that relate directly or indirectly to preservation. Five million dollars has been granted since 1992 for preservation projects. The Program has been called TEA-21 and ISTEA. The present title is SAFETEA.

Mr. Opperman stated that the Highway Marker Program has existed since the 1920s. Since 1949 VDOT has erected and maintained the historic markers for Virginia. About 100 markers are completed each year, along with the maintenance of the markers. The older signs are made of iron and require higher maintenance. VDOT also helps to set up unveiling programs for the markers. The agency has also been involved with the stewardship of bridges in Virginia. A Management Plan for historic bridges has been created and is being implemented.

Mr. John Wells of VDOT presented two nominations for historic buildings owned by the Department of Transportation:

Virginia Department of Highways Building, City of Richmond was recommended as meeting Criteria A and C with the areas of significance being Politics/Government and Architecture.

Charlotte Williams Memorial Hospital, City of Richmond was recommended as meeting Criteria A and C with the areas of significance being Health/Medicine and Architecture.

On the motion of Mr. Carl L. Lounsbury, seconded by Mrs. Evelyn D. Chandler, the above nominations were approved by the State Review Board.

On the motion Mr. Patrick H. Butler, seconded by Ms. M. Karen Berkness, the above nominations were approved by the Board of Historic Resources.

Director Kilpatrick stated that DHR is looking forward to strengthening the relationship with VDOT. Mrs. Chandler of the Historic Resources Board praised Director Kilpatrick for her work in building partnerships.

Chairman McNeely of the Board of Historic Resources presented certificates to Mr. Tony Opperman for the two state-owned nominations presented by Mr. Wells.

Dr. Randy Turner, Director of the Portsmouth Regional Office presented the nomination expanding the boundary of another state-owned resource **Nanzattico, King George County**, and it was recommended as meeting Criterion D in the area of archaeological significance.

On the motion of Mr. Ulysses X. White, seconded by Mrs. True M. Luck, the above nomination was approved by the Board of Historic Resources, pending agreement of the Game and Inland Fisheries Board (oversight Board of the department owning the property).

The State Review Board delayed voting until the Game and Inland Fisheries Board consider it at their meeting on June 27.

State Review Board Acting Chairperson Wendy Price presented the new Consensus Agenda. She stated that twenty nominations were represented on the agenda. All properties would be presented and at the end of all of the presentations, anyone wishing to speak from the audience could do so at that time.

Board of Historic Resources Vice-Chairman White commented that he had some questions and comments regarding the nomination **Petersburg Breakthrough Battlefield Historic District (at Pamplin Park), Dinwiddie County** from the Capital Region. Acting Chairperson Price asked that the nomination be discussed after the State-owned properties were presented from the Capital Region.

JOINT SESSION

Regional office staff presented the following National Register nominations:

WINCHESTER REGIONDavid Edwards

Green Spring, Fairfax County was recommended as meeting Criterion C with the areas of significance being Architecture and Landscape Architecture.

Skyline Drive Historic District Boundary Increase, Greene, Madison and Page Counties was recommended as meeting Criteria A and C in the areas of Politics/Government and Architectural significance.

ROANOKE REGIONMichael Pulice

Lylburn Downing School, City of Lexington was recommended as meeting Criteria A and C with the areas of significance being Education, Ethnic History: African American, and Architecture.

McVitty House, City of Salem was recommended as meeting Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.

Quillen House, Russell County was recommended as meeting Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.

Spring Dale, Pulaski County was recommended as meeting Criteria A, C, and D with the areas of significance being Agriculture, Exploration and Settlement, Military, Archaeology: Historic, and Architecture.

Walker’s Creek Presbyterian Church, Giles County was recommended as meeting Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.

CAPITAL REGION

University of Virginia BuildingsMarc Wagner

Birdwood, Albemarle County was recommended as meeting Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.

Montebello, City of Charlottesville was recommended as meeting Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.

Sunnyside, City of Charlottesville was recommended as meeting Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.

StatueBryan Green
George Washington Equestrian Statue, City of Richmond was recommended as meeting Criteria A and C with the areas of significance being Politics/Government, Art, and Architecture.

Archaeological SiteKeith Egloff
Wade Archaeological Site, Charlotte County was recommended as meeting Criterion D with the area of significance being Archaeology: Prehistoric.

Capital NominationsAnn Andrus
Petersburg Breakthrough Battlefield Historic District (at Pamplin Park), Dinwiddie County was recommended as meeting Criteria A, C, and D with the areas of significance being Military, Architecture, and Archaeology: Historic Non-

Aboriginal. Discussion was held on this nomination. Board of Historic Resources Vice-Chairman Ulysses X. White recommended that more research be done on the African American troops involved in this battle and that this information be added as part of the context for this nomination.

On the motion of Mr. Ulysses X. White, seconded by Mr. Addison B. Thomson, the nomination was approved by the Board of Historic Resources contingent on revisions of the document to include African American troop involvement in the context of the battle and the stipulation that the final revisions be previewed by Mr. White, Dr. Hofstra, and others before the nomination is sent to the National Register. On the motion of Dr. Warren R. Hofstra, seconded by Ms. Ann F. Alexander, the nomination was approved by the State Review Board with the same contingencies. The motion of both boards was carried.

Conjurer’s Neck Archaeological Historic District, City of Colonial Heights was recommended as meeting Criterion C and D with the area of significance being Archaeology: Prehistoric; Historic Non-Aboriginal and Architecture.

Gum Creek, Fluvanna County was recommended as meeting Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.

Stewart-Hinton House, City of Petersburg was recommended as meeting Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.

PORTSMOUTH REGION.Paige Weiss

Simmons-Sebrell-Camp House, Southampton County was recommended as meeting Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.

Representatives of properties and consultants from the audience were recognized.

On the motion of Mr. Carl L. Lounsbury, seconded by Ms. Ann F. Alexander, the above nominations were approved by the State Review Board.

On the motion of Mr. Patrick H. Butler, seconded by Mr. Martin B. King, the above nominations were approved by the Board of Historic Resources.

Virginia Landmarks Register certificates were presented to the representatives of the properties who were in attendance.

Joint Session Adjourns

The Joint Session adjourned at 12:50 p.m. Members gathered in the Department of Historic Resources Study Collection Room for lunch and viewed a special video prepared by the Virginia Department of Transportation on the Brook Run Archaeological Site.

After lunch, the Historic Resources Board reconvened at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Virginia Historical Society for reports of the Highway Marker and Easement Program. The State Review Board met in DHR’s meeting room to review the Preliminary Information applications for this quarter.

Historic Resources Board

Highway MarkersScott Arnold

SPONSOR MARKERS

- Governor David Campbell, Washington County
- Governor John B. Floyd, Washington County
- Jefferson School, City of Charlottesville
- Mount Tabor Lutheran Church, Augusta County
- Frank Padgett-Water Tragedy, Rockbridge County
- A. D. Price, City of Richmond
- Staunton River Turnpike, Albemarle County

REPLACEMENT MARKER PROGRAM (TEA-21)

- Amherst County/Nelson County, Z-18, Amherst County
- Appomattox County/Campbell County, Z-58, Appomattox County
- Campbell County/Charlotte County, Z-64, Campbell County
- Caroline County/Spotsylvania County, #-156, Caroline County

REPLACEMENT MARK PROGRAM (TEA-21) Continued

- Historic Aquia Creek, E-123, Stafford County
- Huguenot Settlement, 0-28, Chesterfield County
- Huguenot Settlement, SA-20, Goochland County
- Mt. Zion Baptist Church (Piscataway Baptist Church), 0-41, Essex County
- Nelson County/Buckingham County, Z-282, Nelson County

Revision of Previous TEA-21 marker approved in 9/2000:

- Fredericksburg, Stafford County

On the motion of Mrs. True F. Luck, seconded by Mr. Martin B. King, all highway markers in each category were approved by the Board of Historic Resources.

Mr. Arnold requested the Board's approval of the Civil War Trails marker program for Virginia. On the motion of Mr. Patrick H. Butler, seconded by Mr. Martin B. King, the Civil War Marker program was approved.

EasementsCalder Loth

Easements Received since the March 2003 Board Meeting

- 206 Harrison Street, Fan Area Historic District, City of Richmond
- 1100 Grove Avenue/204 North Harrison Street, Fan Area Historic District, City of Richmond
- Federal Hill, City of Fredericksburg
- Leigh Street Armory, Jackson Ward Historic District, City of Richmond
- 527 N. First Street, Jackson Ward Historic District, City of Richmond

Easement Offers to Consider

- James City Historic District, Madison County
- Moncure-Conway House, Falmouth Historic District, Stafford County

On the motion of Mr. Ulysses X. White, seconded by Mrs. True F. Luck, voted to accept the offers of easement donations.

The Board of Historic Resources adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

STATE REVIEW BOARD

Preliminary Information Applications

WINCHESTER REGION David Edwards

Civil War Fort at Dyer-Gunnell American Legion Post 180, Fairfax County recommended eligible under Criteria A and D with the areas of significance being Military and Archaeology.

Buckland Farm, Prince William County recommended eligible under Criteria A and C in the areas of Agriculture and Architectural significance.

Buckland Historic District Boundary Increase, Prince William County recommended eligible under Criteria A, C, and D for Military, Transportation, Architectural, and Archaeological significance.

Spring Hill, Culpeper County recommended eligible under Criteria A and C with the areas of significance being Agriculture and Architecture.

Limestone Farm, Clarke County recommended eligible under Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.

Caldwell Carr House, Fauquier County recommended eligible under Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.

Fairview Cemetery, Culpeper County recommended eligible under Criterion A and C with the areas of significance being Social History, Ethnic Heritage: African American, Architecture and Landscape Architecture.

Eastwood, Stafford County recommended being eligible under Criteria A and C in the areas of Military and Architectural significance.

ROANOKE REGIONMichael Pulice

Bland County Jail, Bland County recommended eligible under Criteria A and C with the areas of significance being Law , Politics/Government, and Architecture

Bourne-Hale House, Grayson County recommended eligible under Criterion C for Architectural significance.

McGuire-Peery House, Tazewell County recommended eligible under Criterion C for Architectural significance.

Springdale, Rockbridge County recommended eligible under Criterion C for Architectural significance.

Old Manse (Falling Spring Presbyterian Church), Rockbridge County recommended eligible under Criteria A and C with the areas of significance being Religion and Architecture.

CAPITAL REGIONAnn Andrus/Marc Wagner

Louisa High School, Louisa County recommended eligible under Criteria A and C with the areas of significance being Education and Architecture.

Rosemont, Powhatan County recommended eligible under Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.

The Amelia Glebe, Amelia County recommended eligible under Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.

Oak Hill Lock, Rivanna navigation Historic District, Fluvanna County recommended eligible under Criteria A and C with the areas of significance being Transportation and Architecture.

Fine Creek Mill Historic District, Powhatan County recommended eligible under Criteria A and C with the areas of significance being Industry/Commerce and Architecture.

Villa Sha, City of Lynchburg recommended eligible under Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.

Laburnum Park Historic District, City of Richmond recommended eligible under Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance to expand the period of significance from 1957 to 1961.

PORTSMOUTH REGIONPaige Weiss

Prospect, Middlesex County recommended eligible under Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.

Thomas Murray House, City of Virginia Beach recommended eligible under Criterion C in the area of Architectural significance.

Monumental Methodist Church, City of Portsmouth recommended eligible under Criteria A and C in the areas of Religion, Social History, and Architectural significance.

Sharon Indian School, King William County recommended eligible under Criterion A with the area of significance being Education and Ethnic Heritage: Native American.

Nansemond County Training School, City of Suffolk recommended eligible under Criteria A and C with the areas of significance being Education, Ethnic Heritage: Black and Architecture.

Henry Saunders House, Isle of Wight County recommended eligible under Criterion A and C with the areas of significance being Conservation and Architecture.

On the motion of Mrs. Evelyn D. Chandler, seconded by Ms. Ann F. Alexander, the above Preliminary Information Applications were approved as eligible for the registers by the State Review Board. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

